(b) No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

(c) An amount of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the work in the Budget 2001-2002.

Use of Recycled Rails

2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the.Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recycled rails are used by the Railways;

(b) whether this is in conformity with safety norms;

(c) what are the reasons for taking such unsafe action; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to stop this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The relased rails from busy lines are segregated into second hand serviceable rails *i.e.* rails still having balance life and scrap rails. The released serviceable rails are scanned ultrasonically before using them for renewal on lighter traffic routes.

Time Bound Promotions to DMOS in Railways

2083. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given two time-bound promotions to General Duty Doctors, but the specialists recruited directly as DMOs in 1988-89 have been denied the same, contravening the Notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide letter No. A-45013/ 13/90/-CHSV dated the 4th November, 1991, para 7.9 and 10;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the judgement of CAT dated the 21st March 2001, to given DMOs two time-bound promotions, remains unimplementcd; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Tikku Committee which went in to all aspects of career improvement and cadre restructuring of the doctors of the Central Health Scheme were accepted by

the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for implementation on the Central Health Scheme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *vide* letter No. A-45013/13/90-CHSV dated 14-11-1991 and two-time bound promotions were granted to doctors recruited to the junior scale (initial entry in the cadre) of all sub-cadres under the Central Health Scheme. The Notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was applicable only to doctors in the Central Health Scheme under that Ministry. However, vide para 15 of the letter dated 14-11-1991, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare advised the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence and other organisations to separately process the proposals for restructuring of the cadres under those Ministries/ organisations.

The Ministry of Railways have considered the proposal and the benefit of two time-bound promotions were granted to doctors recruited to the junior scale (initial entry to the cadre) of the Indian Railway Medical Service.

Indian Railway McMcal Service do not have specialist cadre and all doctors recruited either to Junior scale or in higher grades as lateral entrants belong to the only cadre of Indian Railway Medical Service. Since two time-bound promotions are available to those recruited in the Junior scale of the cadre, the intention of the Notification of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stands satisfied in the case of Indian Railway Medical cadre also.

(c) and (d) The Hon'ble Central administrative Tribunal ordered grant of promotions to the Directly recruited DMOs in accordance with Rules and instructions on the subject of promotions. The Tribunal modified their order on 18-10-2001 and ordered grant of two-time bound promotions to directly recruited DMOs. A Civil Writ Petition against the order of the Tribunal has been filed before the High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble High Court heard the matter on 19-11-2001 and were pleased to stop operation of the orders of the Tribunal dated 21-3-2001 and 18-10-2001. The matter is currently sub-judice before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Bedi Port-Rozipicr Rail Line

2084. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether development of Bedi Port needs infrastructure;